

Amendments to Specification

Please replace paragraph 0002 with the following amended paragraph:

[0002] Automotive body panels are typically produced by forming low carbon steel or aluminum alloy sheet stock into desired panel shapes, often by conventional room temperature processes such as stamping. Such body panels, however, can also be produced by hot gas blow-forming processes, such as SPF. Compared to conventional stamping processes, SPF processes are capable of producing more complex panel shapes from a single sheet of material. SPF processes involve complex integrally heated presses and low material deformation rates that yield cycle times typically between 20 and 60 minutes. Such relatively long cycle times are incompatible with automotive production rates. Also, because SPF heat sources are remotely located from SPF forming tool surfaces, SPF processes do not provide a high degree of temperature control at the workpiece.